

THE RICHMOND DISPATCH--WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1890.

WADDILL VS. WISE.

THE CONTESTED-ELECTION CASE FROM THIS DISTRICT.

Edgar Allan Clegg the Case--The Reply of Mr. Merleth--New Postmasters.

(From Our Regular Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, February 18.--The House Committee on Elections commenced this morning the consideration of the Virginia contested-election case of Waddill vs. Wise. All of the members of the committee were present, and Mr. Clegg, the attorney for the contestants, was present. The discussion covered the whole range of the financial situation, but the silver question was the principal topic. All the Republican members of the committee were present and Messrs. Harris and Vance of the minority. The discussion is said to have been very full. It was agreed that there was little, if any, variance of opinion upon the manner in which the silver question should be treated. There was a strong desire that the bill should be passed authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to increase the purchases of silver, not as bullion, and issue certificates of the same. It is expected that the details of the bill covering these propositions will be drafted at the next meeting of the committee.

EXTRADITION TREATY.

Crimes Specified in Addition to Those Under the Old Law.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

Washington, February 18.--The Senate has ratified the British extradition treaty with unimportant amendments.

The treaty makes the following crimes extraditable in addition to those specified in the first article of the Convention: 2. Counterfeiting or altering money, be it begetment, larceny, obtaining money or goods under false pretences, or receiving the same from others to have been wrongfully obtained. 3. Piracy by bailed, banker, agent, factor, trustee, director, member, or officer of any company made criminal by the laws of both countries. 4. Perjury or subordination of perjury, or aiding and abetting the same. 5. Robbery, or aiding and abetting the same. 6. Kidnapping. 7. Burglary at sea by law of nations. 8. Mutiny at sea wrongfully sinking or destroying a vessel or attempting to do so, or servants of the crew or passengers of a vessel to have been wrongfully obtained. 9. Piracy by bailed, banker, agent, factor, trustee, director, member, or officer of any company made criminal by the laws of both countries.

For both sides had two hours allowed for argument. The members of the election Committee each had the right of one hour to speak in the name of his constituents making nearly 1,700 words.

Then there are the briefs of each counsel, so that the testimony and arguments are voluminous.

ALLAN OPENS.

Mr. Allan opened the case. He has collected in his treatment of the facts collected in the effort to prove that Judge Waddill ought to have the seat for which he is striving. He has adduced a series of facts, with which both contestants and their counsels asked him questions frequently.

Almost the whole of the time allowed to the contestants was consumed in going over the alleged frauds and intimidations in Jackson Ward. Mr. Allan's opening testimony in regard to certain precincts there was extremely well put into it, and seemed to appeal to the Republicans to follow him. He was as a rule a good speaker, but here he was a simple, straightforward, and from a slightly Republican standpoint he attempted to make the northern man believe that the "poor darky" had a hard road to travel in the "dark" district of the city.

In his defense, Mr. Waddill, after the contest at the outset that Judge Waddill's case rested on the efforts to prove the allegation of fraud, intimidation, and prevention from voting at several of the Jackson Ward precincts. He explained that the efforts of the Republicans to prevent negroes from exercising their franchise.

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ARGUMENTS.

Mr. Allan also spoke of arrests made on election day--more than thirty--and said that although the Judge was a political friend of Mr. Wise, there was not a single arrest made to prove his point positive. Mr. Allan said that the arrests were made for political purposes.

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